

BILL NO. 85-9

AS AMENDED

COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 85-9 (AS AMENDED)

Introduced by Council Members Hutchins and Schafer

Legislative Day No. 85-7 Date March 12, 1985

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Sections 6-72, 6-73, and 6-74, of Article X, heading, Taxicabs, of Chapter 6, heading, Businesses, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to provide for the inspection of taxicabs; to authorize the enforcement of said section; to provide for taxicab identification; to provide for listing of current rates charged by taxicab owners; and to generally provide for the regulation of taxicabs in Harford County.

By the Council, March 12, 1985

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: April 9, 1985

at: 7:15 P.M.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held on April 9, 1985 and concluded on April 9, 1985.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted by the County Council of Harford County,*
2 *Maryland, that Sections 6-72, 6-73, and 6-74, of Article X,*
3 *heading, Taxicabs, of Chapter 6, heading, Businesses, of the*
4 *Harford County Code, as amended, be, and are hereby repealed and*
5 *re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:*

6 Chapter 6. Businesses.

7 Article X. Taxicabs.

8 Section 6-72. Inspection of vehicles.

9 [The owner of every vehicle that has been designated as a
10 taxicab shall have the vehicle inspected every six (6) months.
11 These inspections shall be conducted by an inspection station
12 licensed by the Automotive Safety Enforcement Division of the
13 Maryland State Police. The owner shall pay the prescribed fee for
14 said inspection. The vehicle may not be operated in Harford County
15 as a taxicab if it does not have certification that it is safe to
16 operate.]

17 (a) NO VEHICLE INTENDED TO BE USED AS A VEHICLE FOR HIRE,
18 "TAXICAB", SHALL OPERATE IN HARFORD COUNTY UNTIL THE FOLLOWING
19 REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPLIED WITH:

20 1. THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A VEHICLE FOR
21 HIRE, "TAXICAB", BY THE MARYLAND STATE MOTOR VEHICLE
22 ADMINISTRATION; AND

23 2. THE CORPORATION OR OWNER OF THE VEHICLE HAS
24 SUBMITTED TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OF HARFORD COUNTY A COPY OF
25 THE REGISTRATION OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE MOTOR VEHICLE
26 ADMINISTRATION CERTIFYING THE VEHICLE AS A VEHICLE FOR HIRE,
27 "TAXICAB."

28 (b) THE CORPORATION OR OWNER OF A TAXICAB SHALL HAVE THE
29 TAXICAB INSPECTED EVERY SIX (6) MONTHS EXCEPT IN THE YEAR DURING
30 THE FIRST TWELVE (12) MONTHS IN WHICH A NEW ~~TAXICAB~~ VEHICLE, AS
31 DEFINED IN THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF
32 MARYLAND IS PLACED INTO OPERATION. THESE INSPECTIONS SHALL BE

1 CONDUCTED BY AN INSPECTION STATION LICENSED BY THE AUTOMOTIVE
2 SAFETY ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE. THE
3 OWNER SHALL PAY THE PRESCRIBED FEE FOR SAID INSPECTION AND ANY AND
4 ALL REPAIRS REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE INSPECTION. NO TAXICAB
5 SHALL OPERATE IN HARFORD COUNTY UNLESS IT HAS A CERTIFICATE OF
6 INSPECTION CERTIFYING THAT THE REQUIRED INSPECTION HAS BEEN MADE
7 AND THE TAXICAB MEETS THE STANDARDS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AS
8 AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME. THE CORPORATION OR OWNER SHALL SUBMIT
9 TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF
10 THE INSPECTION, A COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION. THE
11 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT EXEMPT THE CORPORATION OR
12 OWNER OF A TAXICAB FROM THE REQUIRED EMISSIONS CONTROL TESTING AS
13 REQUIRED BY STATE LAW.

14 (c) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE
15 CORPORATION, OWNER, OR DRIVER OF A TAXICAB, OPERATING IN HARFORD
16 COUNTY, FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING THE SAFETY
17 STANDARDS OF THE VEHICLE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE CERTIFICATE OF
18 INSPECTION AT ALL TIMES, NOR SHALL THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION
19 RELIEVE THE CORPORATION, OWNER, OR DRIVER FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY
20 OF ANY REPAIRS OF THE VEHICLE WHICH OCCUR BETWEEN INSPECTION DATES.

21 (d) THE HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS HEREBY
22 AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, SECTIONS
23 6-73 AND 6-74.

24 (e) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, SECTIONS 6-73 AND 6-74,
25 SHALL NOT APPLY TO A TAXICAB OPERATING ~~EXCLUSIVELY~~ WITHIN A
26 MUNICIPALITY LOCATED IN HARFORD COUNTY, OR TO A TAXICAB SUBJECT
27 TO THE JURISDICTION OF A MUNICIPALITY LOCATED IN HARFORD COUNTY OR
28 TO ANY OTHER COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY IN MARYLAND OR ANY OTHER STATE,
29 WHERE THE TAXICAB IS SUBJECT TO AN INSPECTION AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR
30 AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

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1 Section 6-73. Vehicle identification.

2 The owner of a taxicab SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION
3 6-72, shall attach to the vehicle proper identification that the
4 vehicle is a taxicab. Such identification shall include the name
5 of the owner and vehicle number. The identification shall be
6 displayed on the side of both front doors of the vehicle. THE
7 OWNER SHALL PROVIDE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH SUFFICIENT PROOF
8 TO SHOW COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

9 Section 6-74. Rates charged by owner.

10 The owner of every taxicab SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
11 SECTION 6-73, shall, POST IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE TAXICAB AND
12 make available to any person who requests the same, a current price
13 list with the current rates charged by the owner. THE OWNER SHALL
14 PROVIDE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH A COPY OF THE CURRENT PRICE
15 LIST AND RATES CHARGED BY THE OWNER.

16 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted* that this Act shall take
17 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

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19 EFFECTIVE: July 3, 1985
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Read the third time.

Passed LSD 35-12 (May 7, 1985) (with amendments)

Failed of Passage _____

By order

Angela Markowski, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 8th day of May, 19 85
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Angela Markowski, Secretary



BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

[Signature]
County Executive

Date 5-9-85

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 85-9, as amended), having been approved by
the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on
May 9, 1985.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 1985

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